

Patent Application No. 10/002,998

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 16, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 17-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. By this Amendment, claims 17-23 are canceled. Currently pending claims 1-16 and 24-26 are believed allowable, with claims 1, 6, 10, 12, 14-16 and 24 being independent claims.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101:

Claims 17-23 were rejected 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 17-23 are canceled without prejudice to expedite issuance of the present Application. Thus, the rejection of claims 17-23 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending Application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain at issue that the Examiner feels could best be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to contact the attorney below.

No additional fee is believed due with this Amendment, however, should a fee be required please charge Deposit Account 50-0510. Should any extensions of time be required, please consider this a petition thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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